Air network in Orissa

104. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for coverage of AIR network in Orissa during the 8th Plan;

(b) the progress made in that regard so far; and

(c) the steps taken to broadcast programmes in the languages and dilect of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The target set for coverage of AIR network in Orissa during the 8th Plan is 98 per cent by area and 99 per cent by population.

(b) The following projects have been commissioned during the on going 8th Plan.

(i) Behrampur	2x3 KW FM Transmitter & Multipurpose (MP) Studios.
(ii) Bolangir .	—do-
(iii) Bhawanipatna	2x100 KW MW Transmitter, Type (TR) Studio
(iv) Jeypore .	Upgradation from 20 KW MW to 100 KW MW Transmitter.

Details of ongoing projects under 8th Plan and their progress are as given in cnclosed Satement. *(See* below).

(c) Programmes in Sambalpuri and Desia dialects are being broadcas from All India Radio Stations a Sambalpur and Jeypore respectively In addition, music programmes broad cast from AIR Stations in Oriss; include songs in various dialects.

Statement

List of ongoing projects of AIR under 8th plan and their progress as referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 104 *for* 14-02-1995

			Remarks
(i)	Rourkela . .	2x3 KW FM Transmitter, Multipurpose Studio.	Expected to be commissioned shortly.
(ii)	Puri . . .	3 KW FM Transmitter, Multipurpose Studio.	Civil works are in progress.
(iii)	Joranda . .	1 KW MW Transmitter, Multipurpose Studio.	Civil works are in progress
(iv)	Soro . . .	1 KW MW Transmitter, Multipurpose Studio.	Site being identified.
(v)	Rairangpur . .	1 KW MW Transmitter, Multipurpose Studio.	Site being idsntified.
(vi)	Sambalpur . .	Upgradption from 20 KW MW Transmitter to 100 KW MW Transmitter	Installation is in progress.
(vii)	Jeypore . .	50 KW SW Transmitter	Civil works are in progress.
(viii)	Cuttack . .	2x3 KW FMW Transmitter (for stereo service)	Expected to be commissioned shortly.